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Important Dates to Remember

- December 24 - January 1: Holiday Break
- January 4: Back to School
- January 4 - January 22: Winter Benchmark Testing Window
- January 15: No Students: Staff Professional Development Day
- January 18: School Closed for MLK Day

Follow us on social media for updates and the latest work of our students!



@MLSatGemmaServices @Martin_Luther_School

From the Desk of Ms. Eva



Happy Holidays, MLS community! Here we are at the end of 2020. It has been a privilege to share this crazy pandemic journey with you. We have experienced days with sorrow and frustration, as well as joy and accomplishment. More importantly, we have held strong as a community, seeing each other each school day in our living rooms, dining rooms, and any other quiet space we can find!

MLS is proud to partner with several universities -- Arcadia, Chestnut Hill, and the University of Delaware, as well as the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. These good folks support us as we continue to grow as a school. Their resounding message is that MLS is an extraordinary place, one where our students are nurtured academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are a diverse community, celebrating the holiday season with Channukah, Christmas, Diwali, and Kwanza. On the sixth day of Kwanza, we celebrate Kuumba (creativity), which captures MLS in 2020 perfectly: **To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.**

MLS SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight is on our COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Meet our amazing school counselors! Every day, they focus on the personal/social, academic, and career development of all students. Our school counselors are certified/licensed educators who improve student success for ALL students by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program. Through individual counseling, small group counseling, and classroom counseling lessons, the counselors work to ensure all students' needs are met.



Counselors (l to r): Ms. Rogowski, Ms. Reynolds, Mrs. Dalton

"I appreciate all the hard work from you all in getting her to enjoy learning and socializing again! It means a lot to me when (she) gets positive feedback!" (MLS Parent)

Instruct the Mind



Engage the Heart



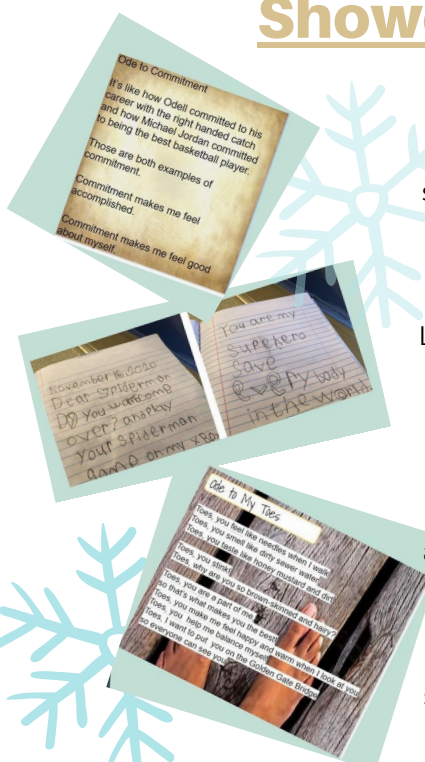
Empower the Will



What's Happening with our Students

Student Showcases

Between November 30 and December 4, Martin Luther School students wowed virtual audiences during the First Trimester 2nd Annual Showcase! Letters, odes, Instagram posts of influential women, newscasts, comic strips, and so much more were enjoyed by the audience! We are all on the edge of our seats wondering what each student has up their sleeves for Trimester 2!

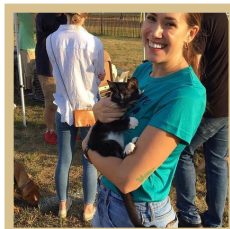


MLS Annual Career Day

The counseling department arranged for over 20 speakers to present to our students during Virtual Career Week! Presenters ranged from firefighters, attorneys, authors, pilots to a twelve-time Grammy-nominated vocalist and an NFL player!



Jonnu Smith, TN Titans

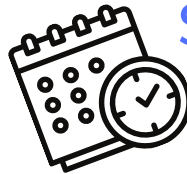


Amy Onesi, ASPCA



LEDISI, Vocalist

Personalizing the MLS Student Schedule



Zoom fatigue is real! Our students are spending hours on-screen and we think it is time to adjust the schedule. We propose to complete whole group instruction at 1:15 for daily check out, followed by classroom office hours until 2:30. The proposed schedule would give us the opportunity to meet with individual students for just-in-time support, progress monitoring, and other programs like staff-sponsored recess and student clubs. We would love to hear your feedback so please email our principal, Mr. Rafiq Williams at rwilliams@martinlutherschool.org.

Counseling Corner December 2020

December

Core Value
CONSISTENCY

Routine and structure; a pattern of sticking with one way of thinking or acting.

Welcoming Winter Break Week



Merry Monday
Social Media BREAK
Take a break from the hustle and bustle to engage with us on social media

Talented Tuesday
BREAKdance into the Break
Show us your best dance moves on Flipgrid

Wake-up Wednesday
BREAKfast with Friends
Join us in the morning for some time to chat & chew with friends

For additional information, contact your child's school counselor.
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OUR VALUES

Trust * Relationship * Grit * Respect * Commitment * Courage * Belonging * Creativity * Curiosity

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